



HURST GREEN NEWS

September 2024

Hurst Green Fair 21st September from 1-4pm

Village fairs are a very British experience and there is no better way for towns and villages to come together to celebrate local life. They were historically a working man's day off and a chance for whole families to have fun. For one day only, open grassy fields are transformed into a hubbub of activity as stalls are set up to sell homemade food, delicious cakes, beautiful gifts, play traditional games and raise money for local causes.

This is my first summer in Hurst Green, so I asked Amanda, who heads up the organising team for the Hurst Green village fair, to tell me more about it.

Amanda said: *"The fair has been running for around 45 years, so probably since 1979 and has always been held on the green next to Aggie's hall. It started as a church initiative to help bring the community together and we now have churches, schools, local clubs and groups attending every year."*

Amanda has been going to the fair since 2007 when she moved to Hurst Green. In 2018, Amanda was asked to help by setting up in the morning and the next year Amanda was asked to help a little more and stayed all day. From that point Amanda became involved in the planning of the fair, together with a small committee which is made up of local people; Geoff Booth, Mark Thompson, Sarah Randall and Catriona Aleppo (who runs the Facebook page) along with various family members. When asked what Amanda liked best about the fair she said: *"Hurst Green Village Fair is a fun event, it seems a fitting thing to do at the end of summer. It's great to see local talented people selling their wares and local groups showing us their talents creatively, musically and artistically."*

Thank you Amanda and to everyone involved in the fair. The day is an amalgamation of enterprise, charity and community spirit. It's a fun way to celebrate and for all generations to spend a few hours together, enjoying a tradition preserved over centuries. I'm really looking forward to the day and hope to see you all there.

Sue Bosely, Vicar, St John's Church, Hurst Green



SAVE THE DATE – 16 NOVEMBER

St John's Church – Autumn Fair

This year it will take place on
Saturday 16 November
from 11am-3pm.

If you're a local craftsperson and would like a table to sell your products, please let us know.

Last year we had a great variety of stalls selling lovely things such as pottery, jewellery, fabric art, toys for children, cards, decoupage, and knitted items all of which made great Christmas presents.

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Introduction to The Acorn Project

Public launch of extension and renovation plans for Hurst Green Community Centre

Drop in to discover the future plans for the Centre We want your feedback!

Sunday 1st September
10am - 4pm

If you are unable to attend you can request a viewing of the plans via Centre Manager Kelly at Kelly@hgcc-surrey.org.uk

Traditional Village Flower Show

Hurst Green Gardening Club

Presented by Hurst Green Gardening Club there will be flowers, produce, preserves, crafts, flower arranging and homemade teas!

Sunday 8th
September 2024

at St Agatha's Hall
2-4pm

For further information or to enter any of the classes, please visit the Gardening Club's website:

www.hggardeningclub.blogspot.com
or contact the show's secretary, Jilly Ball, on 01883 715896.



Friends of the River Eden Ecosystem

The Environment Agency has designated the River Eden Ecosystem as poor. Come and listen to how local volunteers are trying to improve the quality of our local river and the surrounding riverbanks, with particular reference to what is happening in Hurst Green.

Thursday 24 October at 7.45pm in the York Rooms (at St John's Church)

Hurst Green Village Fair

Saturday 21 September, 1-4pm

The fair has been running for over 40 years and has previously included stalls, performances, a bouncy castle, and a pet show.

This year's theme is green and promises to be a fun afternoon so make sure you come along!

The September issue of Hurst Green News will be published on 28 September 2024.

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HURST GREEN & OXTED CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

At St John's Church there are services of Holy Communion on Sundays at 8.30am (said) at 9.45am (sung) and at 12.30pm on the 4th Wednesday each month, followed by lunch. The 9.45am service is available via Live Stream. The church is open every day from 10am to 4pm. For updates and the latest information, please check websites below.

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Church Way, Hurst Green RH8 9EA

Assistant Priest: Mary Seller, 01883 715675

Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary: Monica Fenton, 01883 715769

Reader: Wendy Hewitt, 07789 680653
www.stjohnshurstgreen.org.uk

HURST GREEN EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Pastor: Keith Dickson, 01883 712 017
www.hurstgreen-fellowship.org

KING'S CHURCH

Contact: King's Centre, 33 Amy Road, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0PW
Simon Quincey, 01883 734 805,
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Come and meet Dr. Helen Fry, WWII historian, 'Secret Listeners' expert, consultant for TV, advocate for military intelligence, trustee and author of upcoming book 'Women in Intelligence.'

Tuesday 10 September
Oxted Library
6.30pm-7.30pm



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Windmill Manor Care Home makes resident's dream come true

Resident John, at Windmill Manor previously worked for Aston Martin and the late Sir David Brown in Yorkshire, where John was born.

In 2023 we took John to Supercar Saturday at Hever Castle, where he had a wonderful time looking at all the cars but Aston Martin in particular will always remain a clear favourite for John.

Windmill Manor were fortunate to be able to return to Supercar Saturday again this year, and John's dream really did come true! John got to sit in the brand new DB12 Volante, and was overjoyed with this opportunity. John has lived at Windmill Manor since 2020 and is loved by staff And residents alike. Staff at the home were delighted to be a part of making John's dream come true, as they knew how much this would mean to him.

In response to his wonderful surprise, John said "It's my 91st birthday this Thursday and can honestly say this has been one of the best birthday treats in my life, seeing the first DB built when I was just a lad, to now sitting in the latest model is incredible, I've loved every minute of it."

Reshma Tupsy, General Manager at the home, said: "We believe that every moment is worth cherishing. We want everyone we care for to know how important they are to us here at Windmill Manor. It is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team here in making our Resident's dreams come true. It was wonderful to see how happy John was – and the staff loved being a part of this as well."



Join your local walking group and keep fit this Autumn

Formed in 1983, East Surrey Walkers is your local Ramblers group, with Around 450 members. We mainly walk in East Surrey, but do occasionally stray into Kent and Sussex. If you enjoy walking and would like to meet new people, come along and join us on a walk. You don't have to be a member to join in for the first three walks, but after that, we ask that you join.

- currently £41 a year or £55 for joint membership.

We have 3 or more walks most weeks, with a range of distances and grades from easy ambles of about 3 miles through to Fast Fitness Workout Walks which are generally 4 miles, completed in an hour. We also have leisurely walks of around 5-6 miles and other longer walks, up to about 12 miles. We are active in protecting and improving the local rights of way network with members volunteering to inspect paths, and undertaking individual maintenance tasks as well as our monthly work party (Ken's Krew) who undertake tasks such as replacing stiles with kissing gates.

To see our walks programme, please visit <https://www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk/walks/walks-programme.html> where you will find a listing of upcoming walks with the name and contact number of the leader, start point and a bit of information about the walk itself – an idea of where it's going etc. It's probably best to ring the leader in case something has changed, but you can just turn up & join in. Most of our walks start at 10.00am and we do ask that people get there 10-15 minutes before hand so that the walk can start promptly at 10am. We look forward to seeing you on one of our walks soon.

There is still time to:



Sign up at Oxted Library for the Summer Reading Challenge or Mini Challenge & have fun playing games, winning prizes & reading this Summer

You only need to read 6 books between 6th July & 14th September



Come and join us for COFFEE and a CHAT



St John's Room, St John's Church
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Dates for your Diary September 2024

- 1 September:** Tennis for all adults (members/non-members). 10am-12pm. Hurst Green Tennis Club.
2 September: Tandridge Handicraft Society. Autumn Term begins. Woodhouse Centre, 2pm.
4 September: YoYo's playgroup, Wednesdays in term time, St John's Church, 9.15-11.15am.
4 September: Community Fridge, every Wednesday, St Agatha's Hall, 11.15am-12.30pm.
5 September: Hurst Green Community Hub, every Thursday, St Agatha's Hall, 1-3pm.
6 September: Oxted Country Market, Friday mornings, 9.30-11.30am, Woodhouse Centre, Oxted.
8 September: Hurst Green Gardening Club, Annual Village Show, St Agatha's Hall, 2-4pm
 Contact: hggardeningclub@gmail.com.
9/23 September: Tandridge Club for the Visually Impaired, 2.30-4.30pm, 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month, St Agatha's Hall. Call for info and transport: Chair, Diana Drysdale, 01883 742708.
12 September: Pollards Oak WI, York Rooms, St John's Church, 7.45pm. "The Ship of Dreams"
 – Tales from the Titanic. Speaker: Lucy Allen Call: Jan Ward, 01883 712143.
17 September: Meno meet up, 3rd Tuesday of the month, Tandridge Heights, 6.30-8pm.

St Agatha's Hall

To enquire about booking, contact the

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or complete the form on the website:
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Courtyard Project update

At last! After much discussion and things to sort out over the last couple of years, when you post a letter or pop into the Pollards Oak shops, you can take a seat on the new integrated seating/planters.

Stay for a chat and enjoy being at eye level with plants.

A team of volunteers have worked tirelessly behind the scenes, working things out with the council; whilst others have worked up front constructing the planters, filling with soil and planting etc.

The selection of plants has been carefully chosen to be low maintenance, attractive across the seasons, with some good for pollinators.

After several iterations, the Courtyard Project is now being led by Creative Community. We'll keep you posted on how the project develops, including our working with children and adults, over the coming months. *The Courtyard Project Team*



Neighbour of the month for September goes to Wendy and Nick

Collister who have been nominated by Sue. Sue said: "Wendy has galvanized our road into acting with a team spirit and has organised several street parties, including VE day celebrations, the Queen's Silver Jubilee and the King's Coronation. Sue also organised the planting of a cherry tree at the front of Roseacre for the Queens Green Canopy (and paid for the plaque!) and got us all planting bulbs and watering new trees. Wendy is also our Neighbourhood Watch rep and with Nick's involvement has kept a close eye on any antisocial behaviour in the road.

Nick has frequently moved us all with his playing of *The Last Post* and with other residents organised the band for the Silver Jubilee street party.

Both Nick and Wendy have created a neighbourly vibe which we hope will continue now that they are moving to Cornwall. We will miss them!"

If you would like to nominate someone for being a great neighbour/friend or have witnessed an act of kindness please email us at: hgncompiler@gmail.com.



On 16th September 2024 the **Tandridge Handicraft Society** is hosting a talk presented by Lucy Martin entitled "Hand & Lock: Couture Embroiderers". Lucy trained at the Royal School of Needlework, and now oversees many of the courses run by Hand and Lock covering all types of embroidery techniques. Doors open 1:30pm, talk starts at 2pm. Visitors are welcome, £5 entry including tea and biscuits. The Society meet every Monday at the Woodhouse Centre, Hoskins Road car park, opposite Tandridge Leisure Centre, Oxted RH8 9HT (postcode for SatNav RH8 9JQ). Further details on our website www.tandridgehandicraftsociety.org.uk or contact Jenny Beal on 01883 620730.



Hurst Green Infant School Come along to one of our OPEN MORNINGS!

Wednesday 16 October 2024: 9.30am, 10.30am or 11.30am
 Wednesday 13 November 2024: 9.30am, 10.30am or 11.30am
 Wednesday 4 December 2024: 9.30am or 10.30am
 Wednesday 8 January 2025: 9.30am
 Contact 01883 712171 or office@hurstgreenschool.org
 to book a place.



READY, GET SET...

Play: solve the mystery: what's inside the box ?
 Praise: God cares for you
 Pray: for the new school year

ALL AGE SERVICE

Sunday 1st September 9.45am
St John's Church, Hurst Green

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North Downs Archery Club meet every Sunday from 9.30am at Matchpoint Lifeline Fitness Centre in Hurst Green, Oxted. In September they will be running beginners' courses on 8th, 15th and 22nd September 2024.



The course is run over three consecutive Sunday mornings. The sessions run from 09:30am to 12.30pm (the usual club meeting time) and are held in the field adjoining Matchpoint Lifeline Fitness Centre in Hurst Green. The cost of the course is £65. Juniors (11-17yrs) must be accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult (both during the course and attending the club if they join). There is a combined discount of £20 for a junior and adult signing up for the course together. We highly recommend that a parent or guardian does the beginners' course alongside a junior, particularly since they have to be in attendance anyway. Often we have had parents wishing they had signed up, who then have had to wait 6 months until the next course. Each beginner receives a copy of Archery GB's book "The Archery for Beginners Guidebook". The sessions also include Safety Procedures and Rules of Shooting, demonstrations of Freestyle and Barebow Shooting, and information on how to continue enjoying archery at club level.

The course is limited to a maximum of 12 people; spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To enrol on the course, send an email to northdac@gmail.com for an application form.



Caterham and Old Coulsdon Sea Cadets & RMV Cadets

Sea Cadets aim is to give young people an experience that will help them grow into the

person they want to be in a safe and friendly environment. Through various activities and adventures, we learn teamwork, respect, loyalty, self-confidence, commitment, self-discipline, honesty and how to be the best version of ourselves. With a range of different activities from sailing, windsurfing and powerboating - to rock climbing, camping, and music – plus more! You are able to gain different qualifications that you can take with you once you leave Sea Cadets!

The Sea Cadets meet at The Army Reserve Centre, Marlpit Lane, Coulsdon Surrey CR5 2HD on:

Sea Cadets (12-18): Wednesday and Fridays, 7pm-9.30pm

Junior Cadets (10-11): Fridays, 7pm-9.30pm

Royal Marines Cadets (13-18): Wednesday and Fridays, 7pm-9.30pm.

For more information email: info@caterhamseacadets.org

YoYo's Playgroup, St John's Church, 9.15am-11.15am Wednesdays in term time – next one 4th September



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